

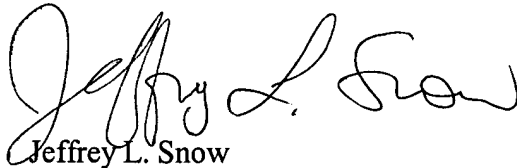
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**Remarks**

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in this application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-15 are allowed. Claims 16-21 are cancelled without prejudice herein. Applicants reserve the right to present claims 16-21 in one or more continuation applications.

Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Snow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being the most prominent part.

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